

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT
MEETING
April 9, 2014**

Present

Chuck Rage, Chairman & Commissioner
Maureen Buckley, Commissioner
Robert Ladd, Commissioner
Stephen LaBranche, Treasurer

Chairman Rage called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Rage asked for a Moment of Silence for Bobby Spitaleri who recently passed away.

Election

Chairman Rage congratulated Commissioner Buckley on her re-election to the Board. He then asked for nominations for officers for the coming year.

Moved by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to appoint Chuck Rage as Chairman for the coming year.

Moved by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Chairman Rage, to appoint Commissioner Buckley as Vice Chairman for the coming year.

Chairman Rage asked for a vote on these two motions.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no. Motions passed unanimously.

Sand Sculpture Event

Greg Grady said preparations are in progress for the 14th annual competition. Sand will be dropped on June 13th, competition held from June 19th to June 21st, and the sculptures will be up for viewing through July 6th. Mr. Grady said there are still openings for sponsors. Anyone interested should contact him at 548-6002 or go to HamptonBeach.org.

Volunteers are still needed. Kim Barrone, candidate for the position of Volunteer Coordinator, was introduced.

Moved by Commissioner Buckley, seconded by Chairman Rage to hire Kim Barrone as Volunteer Coordinator for the Sand Sculpture Event.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Barrone discussed the need for volunteers. Anyone willing to volunteer should contact her at 918-6652 or at kbarrone@comcast.net.

Old Business

Commissioner Ladd gave a reminder about the meeting with Police, Fire and DPW which will be held in May to discuss an evacuation plan. Those planning to attend should let the Commissioners know so a proper venue can be planned. At this time, the discussion will be held at the regular meeting of the HBVD on Wednesday, May 14th, at 5:30 p.m. at the fire station. Any change will be noted on the website.

Commissioner Ladd noted that exemptions are due by April 15th. Commissioner Buckley said it was important to remember that no reminders will be sent out. John Kane, Marketing Director, said that the exemption form is available on HamptonBeach.org.

Chairman Rage discussed the Boardwalk Café. He said it has been remodeled and is beautiful. The Boardwalk was very generous the night of the Annual Meeting providing appetizers, etc. It was a great night.

New Business

Commissioner Ladd recommended that everyone should check out an article regarding flooding which was in the April 6th *Boston Globe* magazine section. It contained very good data.

Chairman Rage said the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday beginning at 10:30 a.m. There will be 6,000 eggs hidden on the beach.

Kathy Silva, Blue Ocean, said that there will be activities at the Blue Ocean Discovery Center following the Easter Egg Hunt. They have many special events planned for the summer. There is a new tide pool tank and lots of craft activities.

Chairman Rage said last at the Annual Meeting \$5,000 was donated to the Blue Ocean Society. Chairman Rage said he felt it was great to have this non-profit entity at the beach. A letter of thanks and a request for future support was noted. Chairman Rage said this support should be continued.

Jen Kennedy, Blue Ocean, said the Discovery Center opened last year and there were approximately 7,000 visitors through August. They have continued having Story Time through the winter and also served refreshments on New Years Eve. They are looking for more year-round activities.

Chairman Rage asked where the rest of the Blue Ocean's funding comes from. Ms. Kennedy said they have a number of sponsors.

Mr. LaBranche said at the 2013 Annual Meeting the legislative body voted to donate \$5,000 to the Blue Ocean Society. The Town always has warrants from non-profits which are then voted on. Mr. LaBranche said in the future this type of thing should be on a warrant. Also documentation should be submitted as it is for non-profits requesting funds from the Town.

Chairman Rage agreed, but said there is some money available this year under "Other" to cover a donation.

Moved by Chairman Rage, seconded by Commissioner Ladd, to donate \$2,500 to the Blue Ocean Society at this time and look at a further donation this year after checking Blue Ocean financials and obtaining advice of counsel.

Richard Reniere, 29 Highland Ave., asked how much money is under "Other" and what other events this covers. Mr. LaBranche said \$10,000 is in this line item and it covers Movie Night and various other items. Mr. Reniere asked how much was spent last year. Mr. LaBranche said the line item was overspent by \$3,580. However, there was a large purchase for a screen for Movie Night.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Rage discussed the playground. New swings and a slide have been ordered. The lights are fixed. Chairman Rage asked for volunteers to clean the playground. Ms. Silva said Blue Ocean would volunteer.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Buckley, seconded by Commissioner Ladd, to approve the Minutes of March 12, 2014 (Regular Meeting) and March 28, 2014 (Annual Meeting).

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Glen French, Entertainment Director, said he is working on the program for entertainment on the Sea Shell stage. There will be a tribute to Bobby Spitaleri on June 7th. Mr. French said he would like to do something every night in June. He will contact young performers who might be interested. The talent competition is entering its tenth year. An All-Star Review is being discussed and previous performers would be invited. A Hampton Beach

children's coloring book is also being considered. Mr. French said he is also working on parking spaces.

Ms. Silva asked about parking at the state park near Ocean Blvd. She asked if anything had been done about this issue. Chairman Rage said it is state land and almost impossible to resolve anything.

Mr. Reniere asked about signs. Mr. Kane said there is money to replace one sign per year. Mr. Reniere asked about the parking lot paving. Chairman Rage said the paving will be done shortly. Mr. Reniere asked if the Royal property would be paved. Chairman Rage said not at this time.

Closing Comments

Commissioner Ladd again reminded everyone of the May 14th meeting where the evacuation plan will be discussed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary